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Dear Mr. Jones:

This responds to your request dated February 12, 2013, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act/ Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) for documents mentioning the singer Whitney Houston.

The FBI referred your request along with 4 pages, to INTERPOL Washington. We received your request on March 14, 2013. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 4 pages referred to INTERPOL Washington, are being withheld in full, pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b)(7)(D) of the FOIA.

Exemption (b)(7)(D) provides protection for records or information that could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a state, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, information furnished by a confidential source.

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If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Gordon Johnson at (202) 616-0201.

Sincerely,

Shawn A. Bray
Director

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "Smith" being clearly legible.

By: Kevin R. Smith
General Counsel